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SUBJECT: NAA SEC GEN DESHORMES VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY SECRETARY GENERAL DESHORMES
INFORMS US THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES
APRIL 22-24 TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONFERENCE ON PARLIA-
MENTARY AFFAIRS AT WILLIAMSBURG THAT IS BEING ORGANIZ-
ED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. DESHORMES IS VERY
ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE SENATORS AND CONGRESS-
MEN, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND
IS CONSIDERING ALSO VISITING WASHINGTON ON EITHER SIDE
OF HIS WILLIAMSBURG TRIP. HE WILL NOT MAKE A FINAL
DECISION ON A POSSIBLE SIDE-TRIP TO WASHINGTON UNTIL
AFTER HE CONSULTS WITH THE US CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO THE NAA STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN
REYKJAVIK MARCH 31-APRIL 2. HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH US
AFTER THE MEETING, PROBABLY ABOUT APRIL 5. HE ALSO INFORMS
US THAT NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GEOFFREY DE FREITAS
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WILL VISIT WASHINGTON JUNE 22-24. DESHORMES WILL ACCOMPANY
DE FREITAS.

3. DESHORMES IS INCREASINGLY DISTRESSED BY THE LACK OF FULL
US PARTICIPATION IN NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS. HE
NOTES THAT SENATE PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY WEAK
IN RECENT YEARS AND IS ANXIOUS TO MAKE CONTACTS WHICH MIGHT
RESULT IN A MORE ACTIVE ROLE BY US SENATORS. AMONG IDEAS
HE IS CONSIDERING IS THAT OF MOVING THE ANNUAL MAY NAA COM-
MITTEE MEETINGS FROM BRUSSELS TO THE US OR CANADA

WITH THE HOPE THAT MORE US CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
WOULD PARTICIPATE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PROPOSALS FOR A POSSIBLE SCHEDULE
FOR A DESHORMES VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN LATE APRIL, WHICH
WE COULD DISCUSS WITH HIM SOON. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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